

**MINUTES
ORANGEBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
March 2, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified and notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnnie Wright, Sr. , Chairman
Janie Cooper-Smith, Vice Chairwoman
Heyward H. Livingston
Willie B. Owens
Johnny Ravenell
Harry F. Wimberly**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clyde B. Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT:

**Harold M. Young, County Administrator
Angel Howell, Interim Clerk to Council
D' Anne Haydel, County Attorney**

CALL TO ORDER

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Harry Wimberly, Prayer

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS-NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Helen Frazier addressed County Council regarding her requests that were submitted in writing to each of the councilmembers. She stated that she has not heard back from anyone. Ms. Frazier went on record stating her FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to have an investigation into the financial records and bookkeeping at the Stroman Center dating back three years. Ms. Frazier also wants County Council to find out what is being stored on the property. Chairman Wright asked Administrator Young to follow up with this request. Administrator Young said he would. Chairman Wright thanked Ms. Helen Frazier and closed the public comments section of the meeting.

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith for an amendment to the agenda. Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith made a motion to amend the agenda for Item 8, which is an ordinance providing for user rate schedule for users of the County Phase I Water System, to include Vance also. Motion was seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried.

Vote: 6-0-0

1. A RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Vice Chairwoman Cooper Smith to read the resolution in its entirety.

Councilman Ravenell made a motion to pass the resolution as written and it was seconded by Councilman Wimberly. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

2. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK DATED MAY 17, 2010, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY (WALKER EMULSIONS (USA) INC.) AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Councilman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young and Administrator Young yielded the floor to Deputy Attorney Jerrod Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated that Walker Emulsion is in the Joint County Industrial Park and that this ordinance includes investment for expansions. Mr. Anderson stated that there are no changes since the other two readings.

Councilman Owens made a motion to approve the ordinance and it was seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried.

Vote: 6-0-0

3. ORDINANCE THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE WEST OF THE EDISTO WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young. Administrator Young stated that this ordinance is related to the transfer of the current system to DPU (Department of Public Utilities). He also said that DPU currently manages, maintains, and operates the system.

Councilman Wimberly made a motion to pass third reading of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

4. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 AND TITLE 4, CHAPTERS 1 AND 29 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT SAMBA; THE APPLICATION OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young. Administrator Young stated that the state offer certain incentives to companies such as fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes. Administrator Young then yielded the floor to Deputy Attorney Anderson. Mr. Anderson stated that agenda Items 4 and 5 go together. Mr. Anderson said that item 4 is seeking a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Payments agreement and item 5 is requesting that the expansion be placed in the multi-county industrial park. Mr. Anderson stated that the company has promised \$7.7 million in investments with approximately 5 million in land and building and approximately 3 million in equipment.

Chairman Wright opened up public hearing for agenda items 4 and 5. No comments from the public were made. Chairman Wright closed the public hearing.

A motion to pass ordinances for items 4 and 5 on the agenda read was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

5. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EXISTING AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY NOW OR TO BE HEREAFTER OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT SAMBA, LOCATED IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

A motion to pass ordinances for items 4 and 5 on the agenda read was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

6. ORDINANCE SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE SEEKING TO REAFFIRM THE SIX COUNTY REGION OF THE LOWER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA (PRESENTLY COMPRISED OF THE AIKEN, ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL, CALHOUN AND ORANGEBURG COUNTIES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, USA)

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young. Administrator Young said that this ordinance allows the County of Orangeburg to continue work with Workforce Investment under the new law.

A motion was made was made by Vice Chairwoman Cooper-Smith and seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0.

7. ORDINANCES FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

ORDINANCES ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

- A) CORDOVA**
- B) ELLOREE**
- C) EUTAWVILLE**
- D) NORTH**
- E) ROWESVILLE**
- F) SPRINGFIELD**

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Attorney Haydel. Attorney Haydel stated that the ordinances are not for all of the elections for each town and that the respective agreements stipulate which elections will be conducted by the County of Orangeburg Registration and Election office. She also stated that this formalizes what we have already been doing.

A motion was made by Councilman Wimberly and seconded by Councilman Owens. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A USER RATE SCHEDULE FOR USERS OF THE COUNTY PHASE I WATER SYSTEM

8A. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A USER RATE SCHEDULE FOR USERS OF THE VANCE WATER SYSTEM

Chairman Wright read items 8 and 8A on the agenda and explained that 8A was an amendment to the agenda to include the Vance Water System.

A motion was made by Councilman Owens and seconded by Councilman Ravenell to approve both ordinances as read.

9. ORDINANCE FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG TO THE TOWN OF BOWMAN

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young. Administrator Young stated that under the USDA joint project with the Town of Bowman and Orangeburg County, a water tank was constructed at intersection of Highway 210 and Interstate 26. The parcel that water tank is constructed on is owned by

Orangeburg County. The parcel is being transferred to the Town of Bowman as part of the closeout of the USDA project.

A motion was made by Councilman Ravenell and seconded by Councilman Wimberly to approve first reading of the ordinance to transfer interest in real property from the County of Orangeburg to the Town of Bowman. Vote: 6-0-0

10. PROCUREMENT

A) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FY15-0220 DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Administrator Young. Administrator Young stated that this request for proposal is for the design and construction of 4.6 miles of roads in Council Districts 4, 6, and 7. The roads are Acacia Lane, Iva Road, Waters Ferry Road, Mannlicher Drive, Lancelot Drive, and Mill Wood Farms Road. Administrator Young stated that proposals were due back on February 20, 2015, and that only two firms submitted proposals. The proposals were evaluated by Sinkler Boone, Public Works Director, and Jannella Shuler, Procurement Director according to the criteria listed in the proposal. It is recommended that the County of Orangeburg accept the proposal of R & T Grading, Incorporated from Pelion, South Carolina in the amount of \$1,006,934.00

A motion was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston and seconded by Councilman Willie B. Owens to accept the proposal of R & T Grading, Incorporated from Pelion, South Carolina. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

11. APPOINTMENTS

A) ORANGEBURG COUNTY FIRE SERVICES DISTRICT 7

Chairman Wright yielded the floor to Councilman Owens. Councilman Owens made a motion to reappoint Lenzie Muldrow and it was seconded by Councilman Ravenell. Motion carried. Vote: 6-0-0

12. VOTE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Council voted unanimously to enter into executive session. Vote: 6-0-0

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

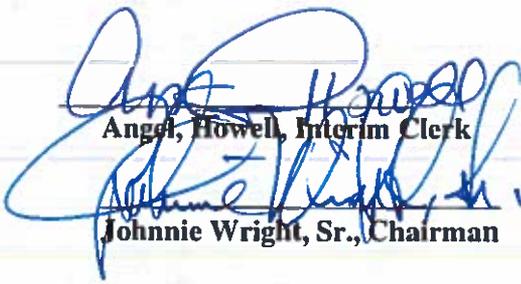
- 1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
- 2) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

14. VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Heyward Livingston to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilwoman Janie Cooper-Smith.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.



Angel, Howell, Interim Clerk

Johnnie Wright, Sr., Chairman